

One Hundred Eighth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the seventh day of January, two thousand and three*

An Act

To amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. TRANSFER TO PUBLIC PRINTER OF AUTHORITY OVER  
INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING CONGRES-  
SIONAL RECORD INDEXES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 902 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 902. Congressional Record: Indexes**

“The Public Printer shall prepare the semimonthly and the session index to the Congressional Record. The Joint Committee on Printing shall direct the form and manner of its publication and distribution.”.

(b) TRANSITION RULE FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who is an employee of the Congressional Record Index Office as of the effective date of this Act shall be transferred to the Government Printing Office, subject to the provisions of this title governing the selection and appointment of employees of the Government Printing Office and any applicable regulations.

(2) TREATMENT OF ACCRUED LEAVE.—Any annual and sick leave accrued by such an individual prior to such date shall be transferred and made available to the individual as an employee of the Government Printing Office, subject to applicable regulations of the Government Printing Office governing the use of such leave.

**SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after October 1, 2003

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(or, if later, the first day of the first month which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act).

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*